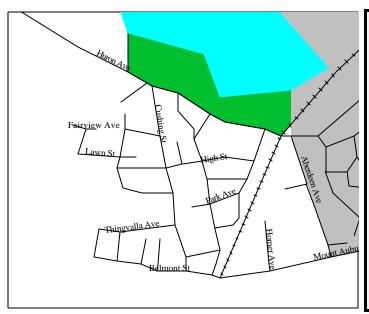
## NEIGHBORHOOD 13 STRAWBERRY HILL





**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, the Watertown line, and the Belmont line.

**POPULATION:** 2,698 residents

1.061 households

## **AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**

\$26,368

Neighborhood #13 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 13A and 13B.

## 2002 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

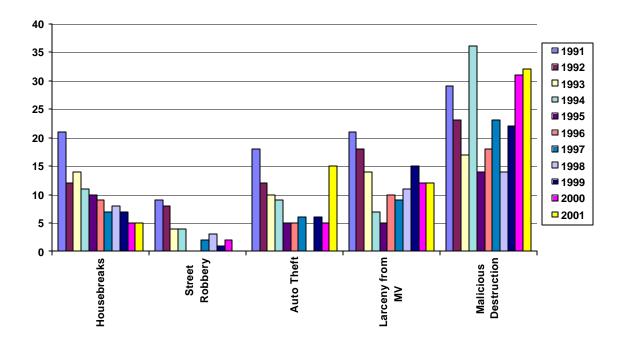
The Strawberry Hill neighborhood experienced a significant increase in **housebreaks** in the third quarter of 2002. However, totals for this neighborhood are still among the lowest. Four of the housebreaks reported occurred on May Street. In each incident, the burglar targeted apartments during weekday afternoons, breaking in through windows and stealing electronics. • The first **street robbery** reported involved a carjacking at a Strawberry Hill golf course. The owner of a 2001 Ford Windstar was held at gunpoint while the suspects stole his car. The second involved a group of seven or eight youths who attacked a food deliveryman after he refused to give them any food. • The Strawberry Hill neighborhood reported decreases in **auto thefts, larcenies from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction of property** in the first nine months of 2002. Vehicle related crime was concentrated on weekends between 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Two of the seven larcenies from motor vehicles occurred at the same location on Huron Avenue. In both cases, a purse was taken. • No additional drug arrests were made over the summer. Of the three arrests reported, two occurred at the intersection at Lawn and May Streets. One arrest involved an on-going investigation by the Special Investigations Unit. All three drug arrests were for possession of heroin.

| COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2001 & 2002 |   |    |          |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|----|----------|--|--|--|--|
| CRIME   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2001 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2002 |    | % CHANGE |  |  |  |  |
| Housebreaks   | 4   | 10 | +150%    |  |  |  |  |
| Street Robbery  | 1   | 2  | +100%    |  |  |  |  |
| Auto Theft  | 12  | 8  | -33%     |  |  |  |  |
| Larceny from MVs  | 10  | 7  | -30%     |  |  |  |  |
| Malicious Destruction   | 26  | 13 | -50%     |  |  |  |  |
| Drug Arrests  | 1   | 3  | +200%    |  |  |  |  |

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS**

With a small population, Strawberry Hill challenges Cambridge Highlands for the lowest crime rates in the city. Its citizenry includes the residents of the Corcoran Park housing development and the large apartment building at 700 Huron Avenue. Its primary commercial establishment is Star Market.

- Overall, Strawberry Hill must be considered one of the safest areas in the city. In 1995 and 1996, here were no street robberies reported, and there were only two in 1997. For auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction, Strawberry Hill continually ranks lowest in the city.
- Corcoran Park has historically been a "hot spot" for the occasional **housebreak**, and for some juvenile and gang crime. Frequent "Park and Walks" address these problems.
- Cars parked at the Star Market parking lot are sometimes targeted for auto theft, larceny
  from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction. Totals for this crime are usually
  extremely low, however. Several years ago, we received a number of reports of pocket picking
  from this area, but this pattern has not resurfaced.



| ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR STRAWBERRY HILL AREA TARGET CRIMES |           |             |           |             |            |  |  |
|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|--|--|
| Crime   | 1981-1990 | Rank 81-90* | 1991-2000 | Rank 91-00* | Rank 2001* |  |  |
| Housebreaks   | 17        | 12          | 10        | 11          | 11         |  |  |
| Street Robbery  | 4         | 13          | 4         | 12          | 12         |  |  |
| Auto Theft  | 17        | 13          | 9         | 12          | 11         |  |  |
| Larceny from MVs                                      | 22        | 13          | 13        | 13          | 13         |  |  |
| Malicious Destruction                                 | 25        | 13          | 23        | 13          | 12         |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest

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